(d) Major provisions of the U.N. *Convention on* the Rights of the Child (CRC) will be incorporated in the proposed Bill.

(e) Does not arise.

Old age social and income security scheme

895. SHRI'VIJAY J. DARDA; Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated old age social and income security scheme;

(b) if *so*, the details of the scheme finalized alongwith the financial implications and guidelines for implementation; and

(c) the present status of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No scheme, as such, has been formulated. However, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment had commissioned, in August, 1998, a project OASIS (an acronym of Old Age Social and Income Security) and nominated an eight member expert committee headed by Dr. S.A. Dave, former Chairman, Unit Trust of India, to examine policy questions connected with old age income security, in India and submit its recommendations to the Government. The committee submitted its final report to the Government on 11.01.2000. The report contains recommendations on the schemes and action that Government may take to ensure that every young worker builds up enough savings during his/her working life which could serve as a shield against poverty during their old age. The recommendations contained in the report have twin focus on furter improving existing pension provisions and to devise a fresh pension plan for such workers who are not included in the present pension provisions but are capable of saving modest amounts and converting these savings into old age income security provision.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Representation regarding creation of NSCSTDA

896. SHRI BIRABHADRA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliamentary Forum for Scheduled Castes